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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its *Herring* Committee on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The committee will give a brief update on the next steps for Management Strategy Evaluation of Atlantic *Herring* Acceptable Biological Catch control rules being considered in Amendment 8 to the Atlantic *Herring* Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The committee will also review preliminary PDT analysis and develop measures related to localized depletion to be considered in Amendment 8 to the Atlantic *Herring* FMP. The Committee will review progress and provide input on Framework Adjustment 5 to the Atlantic *Herring* FMP, an action considering modification of accountability measures (AMs) that trigger if the sub-ACL of Georges Bank *Haddock* is exceeded by the midwater trawl *Herring* fishery. Additionally, they will start initial discussions of work priorities for the *Herring* FMP in 2017. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 26, 2016.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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